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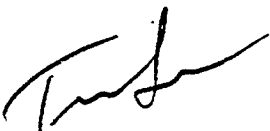
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Dear Mr. Snow,

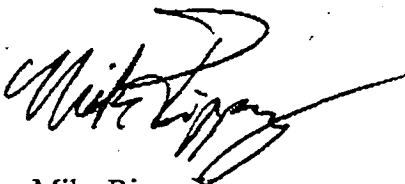
As elected officials representing three counties with significant natural resources in both the North Bay and Suisun Marsh regions, we have been closely following developments in the CAL-FED Bay Delta Program. We believe the CAL-FED Bay Delta Program is an appropriate mechanism for the restoration of the Bay-Delta ecosystem and have supported many local agencies and constituents who have been active participants in the process.

However, we have reviewed the Integration Panel's Recommended 1997 Category III Funding Package presented by your agency on October 28, 1997 and feel strongly that the allocation of only two percent of the current Category III budget to this vast area is woefully inadequate. The North Bay and Suisun Marsh regions contain the largest remaining wetlands in the State of California and present some of the most promising restoration opportunities in the Bay-Delta ecosystem. While we recognize that it is too late to make significant changes to the Recommended 1997 Category III Funding Package, we urge you to seriously reevaluate the importance of the North Bay and Suisun Marsh regions in future funding cycles.

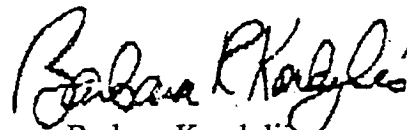
Sincerely,



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